

(c) whether the Ministry is preparing any separate plan to protect the families of CRPF, BSF, Army and other security personnel in Jammu and Kashmir from terrorist attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, during 1.1.2005 to 25.11.2006, 19 incidents of terrorist attacks on the families of the security personnel, mostly residing in far-flung areas, took place in the State.

(b) This has been the tactics of terrorists especially in the rural areas to make forced entry into residential houses during the night and demand food and shelter. Security Forces after getting information about presence of terrorist groups promptly cordon off the area and take action.

(c) No, Sir. However, advisories have been issued on the basis of threat assessment received from intelligence agencies.

Aircraft crashes

**741. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:**

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India lost its 5th Jet this year on 28th September, 2006 when a MiG-29 crashed into a paddy field near Ambala; if so, whether the mandatory inquiry into the mishap has been conducted, if so, the findings thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) the details of aircraft accidents during the current year, indicating the loss of human life and property in these accidents; and

(c) the details of steps taken to prevent such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) The Indian Air Force lost its fifth aircraft during the current year on 28th September, 2006. In this accident one MiG-29 crashed near Ambala. After any such accident, a court of inquiry is ordered and based on the outcome of the inquiry, remedial actions are undertaken.

(b) The details of aircraft accidents in the Indian Air Force (IAF) during

the current year, including loss of human life and property are given in the enclosed Statements. (See below).

(c) A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Indian Air Force to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgement and situational awareness of pilots are also pursued. Constant interaction also takes place with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of concerned countries to overcome the technical defects of aircraft. Besides, anti-bird measures are also undertaken.

Statement

Aircraft crashes

Sl. No.	Date of Accident	Type of Aircraft	Loss of life			Property Loss
			Pilot	Service personnel	Civilian	
1.	17th January 2006	MiG-21	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	18th March 2006	Kiran MK-II	Two	Nil	Nil	Damage to crops worth Rs. 28,000/-
3.	21st March 2006	MiG-21	Two	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	8th June 2006	MiG-29	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	28th September 2006	MiG-29	Nil	Nil		One tractor damaged
6.	19th October 2006	MiG-27	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.	21st November 2006	MiG-29	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Free and fair defence deals

742. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Defence has announced a string of measures aimed at making defence deals free, fair and transparent and to avoid all forms of corruption in the process of bidding;

(b) whether all the defence procurement cases exceeding Rs. 100 crore